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1. A event notification system, comprising:
a computer having a CPU and memory and which executes an operating system operative to manage computer programs and wherein said computer programs generate events;
a notification controller connected to the computer and operative to detect the generated events;
a notification transceiver communicatively connected to the notification controller and capable of transmitting a message containing data on the event; and
a portable transceiver including a notifier for receiving said message.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein the notifier is an LED.

3. The system of claim 1 wherein the notifier is an LCD panel operative to display a text based message.

4. The system of claim 1 wherein the notifier is a speech-synthesizer capable of producing an audible voice message.

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5. The system of claim wherein the notifier is a speaker operative to produce an audible indication that a message has been received.

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6. The system of claim 1 wherein the notification transceiver is integrated with the notification controller.

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7. A event notification system, comprising:
a computer having a CPU and memory and which executes an operating system operative to manage computer programs and wherein said computer programs generate events;
a notification controller connected to the computer and operative to detect the generated events; and
a notification transceiver communicatively connected to the notification controller and capable of transmitting a message containing data on the event to activate a portable transceiver.

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8. A method for notifying a remote user of an event occurring on a computer, the method comprising:
generating an event from a software program;
detecting the event;
signaling software controlling a transceiver that the event has been detected; and
transmitting a message containing data about the event to a portable transceiver.

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9. The method of claim 8 wherein the software program comprises an e-mail application.

10. The method of claim 8 wherein the software program comprises a fax interface program.

11. The method of claim 8 wherein generating an event comprises generating an interrupt request (IRQ) and detecting the event comprises responding to the interrupt.

12. The method of claim 8 further comprising activating a notifier on the portable transceiver to alert a user to the message.

13. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps of:

generating an event from a software program;

detecting the event;

signaling software controlling a transceiver that the event has been detected; and

transmitting a message containing data about the event to a portable transceiver.

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